

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to First Grade! I hope you all are enjoying your summer and making many great memories. I am excited to be your child's teacher this year at Highland Park. This is my third year teaching first grade. I received my undergraduate degree from Eastern Connecticut State University in Elementary Education and History. I also completed my Masters degree in Reading and Literacy for grades PreK-6th.

I am really looking forward to this school year and working with you and your child. I have a real passion for reading and I hope to foster this love of reading within each student so they can flourish for a lifetime. First grade is such critical year and with your support at home I hope to make many gains with your child in reading, writing, and math. Most importantly, I want you all to feel welcomed into our classroom. I encourage parent volunteers and you are always welcome to contact me with any concerns and questions through e-mail or phone calls. I have a website with a link at the bottom of my e-mails. Here you will find copies of newsletters, pictures and other important information.

I have attached a supply list for first grade. Please try to bring the supplies within the first few days of school. If you are unable to purchase any of these supplies please let me know.

Lastly, students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school on a daily basis (be sure to bring one on the first day). In addition, I do inform the students that there will be no sharing of snacks due to allergies. Healthy snacks can be: fruit, veggies, yogurt, applesauce (or other fruit cups) raisins, granola bars, crackers, cheese sticks, goldfish, animal crackers and pretzels. I do look for snack donations during the school year so I can help provide students who forget their snack.

Enjoy these last few weeks of summer! I look forward to meeting all of you on the first day of school!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ruff

